

SENATE RESOLUTION 83

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Stephen Thompson, Jr.,
2009 Salutatorian of Washburn High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Thompson, Jr., is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Washburn High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, he has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Stephen has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations, including Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Against Destructive Decisions, SKILLS, Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Grainger County Youth Leadership; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, he was named to several prestigious academic societies including Scholar Athlete Academic Achiever, *Who's Who Among America's High School Students*, and National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has volunteered his time and energies to many worthwhile community organizations including Angel Tree, and he also helped with the school beautification project and the Douglas-Cherokee food drive; and

WHEREAS, Stephen's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Stephen and Starla Thompson, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Stephen's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Washburn High School Salutatorian, Stephen Thompson, Jr., on his impressive academic achievement and extend to his our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.